

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

OCTOBER 18, 2016

ODOR NUISANCE AT CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL

The Chiquita Canyon Landfill is located in the community of Val Verde in the unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley. The landfill has been operating since 1972 under land use permits granted by the County. In 1997, the landfill operator requested and was permitted to increase the amount of trash it receives each day.

In 2016, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which regulates air pollution in the South Coast Air Basin, has received 107 complaints about the landfill. Last year it received 233 complaints. It has issued the landfill only one notice, in 2015, for violating health and air quality codes that prohibit public nuisance. In response, the Department of Public Works has worked closely with the operator in an effort to control and reduce odors from the landfill. However, the community continues to report landfill odors to this day.

It is important that the County investigate these complaints and review the Conditional Use Permit for the landfill and identify any and all Conditions of Approval and enforcement tools to eliminate landfill odors migrating beyond the property boundary and impacting the community of Val Verde.

- M O R E -

MOTION

RIDLEY-THOMAS _____

KUEHL _____

KNABE _____

ANTONOVICH _____

SOLIS _____

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Department of Regional Planning, in consultation with County Counsel and the Department of Public Works, to review the Conditional Use Permit for the landfill and identify any and all Conditions of Approval and enforcement tools to eliminate landfill odors migrating beyond the property boundary and impacting the surrounding communities.
2. Direct the Departments of Regional Planning and Public Works to report back to the Board in 30 days with findings and recommendations.

#

MDA:evo
chiquitacanyonlandfill101816